

HOUSE RESOLUTION 194
By Buck

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mary Brooks on being selected as a semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholarship Program's National Competition.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Mary Brooks is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as a Coca-Cola Scholarship National semifinalist; and

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola Scholars are evaluated on the basis of their personal merit, leadership qualities, academic performance and extracurricular activities over the course of a year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks was chosen from more than 122,000 applicants nationwide, who will compete for 150 National and Regional Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, she is among a select group of 1,828 graduating seniors nationwide to reach the semifinals of the scholarship competition in the \$1.4 million annual program; and

WHEREAS, a total of 50 National Scholarship winners will receive renewable \$5,000 annual scholarships totaling \$20,000 per student for four years of college; and

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola Consolidated has recognized the critical need for excellence in education and view their sponsorship of this worthy program as an investment in our nation's future and in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is the largest business-supported scholarship program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, being a semifinalist in this competition constitutes a great honor for Mary and for Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, through hours of diligent study, untiring commitment of time and talent and dedication to academic excellence, Mary Brooks has earned this honor; and

WHEREAS, Mary Brooks' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Brooks on being selected as a semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholarship Competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.